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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 23 July 2002 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment was disapproved, because the amendment does change the scope of the claims. The amendment "at least one of" indicates that only one of the selections is required. As discussed previously, it is believe in this instance, the claim can be rejected by prior art. It was the examiner's amendment approved by the attorney, which placed the application in condition for allowance.


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